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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8,9, 11, 12, 38, 40,41,42,43,44, 46, 47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-61, 63, 64, 67, 68, 70, 72,74, 76, and 77 renumbered as , 1,2-4,7-8,12,13,14,9,10,6,5,11,15,16,17,18-20,21-25,26-28,29,30,.*

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

/Z. B./
Examiner, Art Unit 2461

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by

37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no

later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Tory D. Smith on 12/16/2010.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

determining a coding type for a speech signal via a transcoder and rate

adaptor unit (TRAU);

determining a set of bits associated with each transport channel of at least

two transport channels corresponding to the speech signal via the TRAU;

determining if error checking is required for one or more of the at least

two transport channels, ~~wherein the at least two transport channels comprise a set of class~~

~~A bits associated with a first transport channel and a set of class B bits associated with a~~

~~second transport channel~~ <u>wherein the at least two transport channels comprise a first</u>

<u>transport channel and a second transport channel, wherein the first transport channel</u>

<u>comprises a set of class A bits, and wherein the second transport channel comprises a set</u>

<u>of class B bits</u>;

computing error check bits for each transport channel that requires error

checking, wherein at least a portion of the class A bits comprises a set of error check bits

associated with a cyclic redundancy check;

determining a priority for each set of bits associated with each transport

channel via the TRAU;

inserting into a generic TRAU frame, via the TRAU, each set of bits according to the determined priority of each set of bits, wherein the generic TRAU frame is adaptable for use with different codecs; and

inserting into the generic TRAU frame the computed error check bits associated with each transport channel that requires error checking, wherein the generic TRAU frame includes, in sequence, the set of class A bits, including the set of error check bits associated with the cyclic redundancy check, and the set of class B bits.

3.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, further comprising inserting control bits into the generic TRAU frame.

4.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 3, wherein the control bits are inserted at a reserved location in the generic TRAU frame.

5.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 3, wherein the control bits include a transport format combination indicator.

7.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the generic TRAU frame comprises an initial set of control bits.

8.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 7, wherein the set of cyclic redundancy bits are compiled based on at least one control bit.

9.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising

determining a coding type for a speech signal via a converter;

locating within a generic TRAU frame, via the converter, a set of bits

corresponding to each transport channel of a plurality of transport channels based on the

coding type, wherein the generic TRAU frame is adaptable for use with different codecs;

locating error check bits associated with a first transport channel of the

plurality of transport channels, ~~wherein the plurality of transport channels comprise a set~~

~~of class A bits associated with a first transport channel and a set of class B bits associated~~

~~with a second transport channel~~ wherein the plurality of transport channels comprise a

first transport channel and a second transport channel, wherein the first transport channel

comprises a set of class A bits, and wherein the second transport channel comprises a set

of class B bits, wherein at least a portion of the class A bits comprises a set of cyclic

redundancy check bits associated with a cyclic redundancy check, and wherein the

generic TRAU frame includes, in sequence, the set of class A bits, including the set of

cyclic redundancy check bits, and the set of class B bits;

error checking the first transport channel based on the located error check

bits; and

decoding the plurality of transport channels based on the corresponding set

of bits in accordance with the determined coding type.

11.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 9, further

comprising locating a set of control bits, said control bits including an indication of the

coding type of the speech signal.

12.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 11, wherein

said set of control bits includes a transport format combination identifier.

38.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of inserting comprises inserting a higher priority set of bits into the generic TRAU frame before inserting a lower priority set of bits into the generic TRAU frame.

40.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, further comprising encoding the speech signal to generate a plurality of speech coefficients.

41.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 3, wherein the control bits comprise at least one of an indication of a number of transport channels included in the generic TRAU frame, a location in the generic TRAU frame of each set of bits associated with each transport channel, an indication of if error checking applies to the sets of bits inserted in the generic TRAU frame, and a location in the generic TRAU frame of error checking information if error checking applies.

42.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 5, wherein the transport format combination indicator indicates the coding type.

43.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 1, wherein the generic TRAU frame is configured via a configuration message used to configure a flexible layer one protocol.

44.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 9, further comprising receiving the generic TRAU frame at a mobile station.

46.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The method according to claim 9, wherein the

step of decoding comprises mapping each located set of bits into a required format

associated with the coding type.

47.   (Currently Amended) A transcoder and rate adaptor unit (TRAU)

comprising:

a converter configured to:

determine a coding type for a speech signal;

determine a set of bits associated with each transport channel of a

plurality of transport channels of the speech signal;

determine if error checking is required for each transport channel

of the plurality of transport channels, ~~wherein the plurality of transport channels~~

~~comprise a set of class A bits associated with a first transport channel and a set of~~

~~class B bits associated with a second transport channel~~ wherein the plurality of

transport channels comprise a first transport channel and a second transport

channel, wherein the first transport channel comprises a set of class A bits, and

wherein the second transport channel comprises a set of class B bits;

compute error check bits for each transport channel that requires

error checking, wherein at least a portion of the class A bits comprises a set of

error check bits associated with a cyclic redundancy check;

determine a priority for each set of bits;

insert into a generic TRAU frame the sets of bits associated with each transport

channel of the plurality of transport channels according to the determined priority

of each set of bits, wherein the generic TRAU frame is adaptable for use with

different codecs; and

insert in the generic TRAU frame the computed error check bits associated with

each transport channel that requires error checking, wherein the generic TRAU

frame includes, in sequence, the set of class A bits, including the set of error

check bits, and the set of class B bits.

49.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 47, further

comprising a codec configured to encode a signal.

50.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 49, wherein

the codec is further configured to generate a plurality of speech coefficients.

51.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 47, wherein

the converter is further configured to insert a higher priority set of bits into the generic

TRAU frame before inserting a lower priority set of bits into the generic TRAU frame.

53.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 47, wherein

the converter is further configured to insert control bits into the generic TRAU frame.

54.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 53, wherein

the control bits are inserted at a reserved location in the generic TRAU frame.

55.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 53, wherein the control bits include a transport format combination indicator.

56.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 55, wherein the transport format combination indicator indicates the coding type.

57.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 53, wherein the control bits comprise at least one of an indication of a number of transport channels included in the generic TRAU frame, a location in the generic TRAU frame of the set of bits associated with each transport channel, an indication of if error checking applies to the sets of bits of the generic TRAU frame, and a location in the generic TRAU frame of error checking information if error checking applies.

59.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 47, wherein the generic TRAU frame comprises an initial set of control bits.

60.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 59, wherein the set of cyclic redundancy bits are compiled based on at least one control bit.

61.   (Currently Amended) A transcoder and rate adaptor unit (TRAU) comprising:

        a converter configured to

            determine a coding type for the speech signal;

            locate a set of bits within a generic TRAU frame, wherein the set of bits correspond to each transport channel of a plurality of transport channels based on

the coding type, and wherein the generic TRAU frame is adaptable for use with different

codecs;

locate error check bits associated with a first transport channel of

the plurality of transport channels, ~~wherein the plurality of transport channels comprise a~~

~~set of class A bits associated with the first transport channel and a set of class B bits~~

~~associated with a second transport channel,~~ wherein the plurality transport channels

comprise a first transport channel and a second transport channel, wherein the first

transport channel comprises a set of class A bits, and wherein the second transport

channel comprises a set of class B bits, wherein at least a portion of the class A bits

comprises a set of cyclic redundancy check bits associated with a cyclic redundancy

check, and wherein the generic TRAU frame includes, in sequence, the set of class A

bits, including the set of cyclic redundancy check bits, and the set of class B bits;

error check the first transport channel based on the located error

check bits; and

decode the plurality of transport channels based on the

corresponding set of bits in accordance with the determined coding type.

63.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 61, wherein

the converter is further configured to locate a set of control bits, wherein the set of

control bits include an indication of the coding type of the speech signal.

64.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 63, wherein the set of control bits includes a transport format combination identifier.

67.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The TRAU according to claim 61, wherein the converter is further configured to map each located set of bits into a required format associated with the coding type.

68.   (Currently Amended) A non-transitory tangible computer-readable medium having stored thereon, computer-executable instructions that, if executed by a computing device, cause the computing device to perform operations comprising:

determining a coding type for a speech signal;

determining a set of bits associated with each transport channel of at least two transport channels corresponding to the speech signal;

determining if error checking is required for a transport channel of the at least two transport channels, wherein the at least two transport channels comprise a set of class A bits associated with a first transport channel and a set of class B bits associated with a second transport channel wherein the at least two transport channels comprise a first transport channel and a second transport channel, wherein the first transport channel comprises a set of class A bits, and wherein the second transport channel comprises a set of class B bits;

computing error check bits for each transport channel that requires error checking, wherein at least a portion of the class A bits comprises a set of error check bits associated with a cyclic redundancy check;

determining a priority for each set of bits associated with each transport

channel;

inserting each set of bits into a generic transcoder and rate adaptor unit

(TRAU) frame according to the determined priority of each set of bits, wherein the

generic TRAU frame is adaptable for use with different codecs; and

inserting into the generic TRAU frame the computed error check bits

associated with each transport channel that requires error checking, wherein the generic

TRAU frame includes, in sequence, the set of class A bits, including the set of error

check bits associated with the cyclic redundancy check, and the set of class B bits.

70.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The non-transitory tangible computer-

readable medium according to claim 68, wherein the step of inserting further comprises

inserting a higher priority set of bits into the generic TRAU frame before inserting a

lower priority set of bits into the generic TRAU frame.

72.   (Currently Amended) A non-transitory tangible computer-readable

medium having stored thereon, computer-executable instructions that, if executed by a

computing device, cause the computing device to perform operations comprising:

determining a coding type for a speech signal;

locating a set of bits within a generic transcoder rate adaptor unit (TRAU)

frame, wherein the set of bits correspond to each transport channel of a plurality of

transport channels based on the coding type, and wherein the generic TRAU frame is adaptable for use with different codecs; and

locating error check bits associated with a first transport channel of the plurality of transport channels, ~~wherein the plurality of transport channels comprise a set of class A bits associated with the first transport channel and a set of class B bits associated with a second transport channel,~~ wherein the plurality transport channels comprise a first transport channel and a second transport channel, wherein the first transport channel comprises a set of class A bits, and wherein the second transport channel comprises a set of class B bits, wherein at least a portion of the class A bits comprises a set of cyclic redundancy check bits associated with a cyclic redundancy check, and wherein the generic TRAU frame includes, in sequence, the set of class A bits, including the set of cyclic redundancy check bits, and the set of class B bits;

error checking the first transport channel based on the located error check bits; and

decoding the plurality of transport channels based on the corresponding set of bits in accordance with the determined coding type.

74.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The non-transitory ~~tangible~~ computer-readable medium according to claim 72, wherein the instructions cause the computing device to perform operations further comprising receiving the generic TRAU frame.

76.   (Currently Amended) [[A]] The non-transitory ~~tangible~~ computer-readable

medium according to claim 72, wherein the instructions cause the computing device to

perform operations further comprising mapping each located set of bits into a required

format associated with the coding type.

77.   (Currently Amended) A network element comprising:

a transcoder and rate adaptor unit (TRAU) configured to:

determine a coding type for a speech signal;

determine a set of bits associated with each transport channel of a

plurality of transport channels of the speech signal;

determine if error checking is required for a transport channel of

the plurality of transport channels, ~~wherein the plurality of transport channels comprise a~~

~~set of class A bits associated with a first transport channel and a set of class B bits~~

~~associated with a second transport channel~~ wherein the plurality transport channels

comprise a first transport channel and a second transport channel, wherein the first

transport channel comprises a set of class A bits, and wherein the second transport

channel comprises a set of class B bits;

compute error check bits for each transport channel that requires

error checking, wherein at least a portion of the class A bits comprises a set of error

check bits associated with a cyclic redundancy check;

determine a priority for each set of bits; and

insert into a generic TRAU frame the sets of bits associated with each transport channel of the plurality of transport channels according to the determined priority of each set of bits, wherein the generic TRAU frame is adaptable for use with different codecs; and

insert into the generic TRAU frame the computed error check bits associated with each transport channel that requires error checking, wherein the generic TRAU frame includes, in sequence, the set of class A bits, including the set of error check bits associated with the cyclic redundancy check, and the set of class B bits.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8,9, 11, 12, 38, 40,41,42,43,44, 46, 47, 49-51, 53-57, 59-61, 63, 64, 67, 68, 70, 72,74, 76, and 77

Conclusion

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